

JAPS PRESSING FORWARD

Their Forces Advance Close to Liao-Yang.

RUSSIAN RETREAT CONTINUES.

Port Arthur Again Cut Off—Cossacks Driven Back—Enemy's Mine Destroys Mikado's Boat.

The Japanese activity in Southern Manchuria continues and from Liao-Yang, General Kuropatkin's headquarters, comes the information that the enemy has advanced close to the Russian position, and that he is throwing up defenses on the Liao-Yang road. General Kuropatkin's boldness indicates that he believes the Russians are much weaker than has been reported. The latest move places Kuropatkin in a critical position.

General Kuropatkin's operations on the enemy's operations indicate that a number of Cossacks have been killed. It is impossible to identify many of the Russian-Chinese names given in the Russian accounts of the operations.

The Russians retreat from Southern Manchuria continues, the army having bridges and everything not transportable. Kuropatkin reiterates the belief that it will extend as far north as Harbin. Only two regiments of Russian soldiers remain at Newchwang.

The Japanese have again occupied Polanden on the Liao-Tung peninsula, with the result that communications with Port Arthur, both by railroad and telegraph, have been interrupted again.

What is said to be the first Japanese naval loss since the beginning of the war occurred Thursday, when a torpedo boat was blown up by a Russian mine while on a scouting trip.

DALNY BLOWN UP.

Russians Destroy Docks and Piers Before Evacuation.

Dalny has been evacuated by the Russians and the great docks and piers constructed by the czar's engineers at enormous cost have been blown up and destroyed. This fact was telegraphed to the emperor by Viceroy Alexieff. At one stroke the Russians have destroyed the improvements on the finest deepwater harbor on the Pacific, which was opened to commerce in December, 1901.

The reason semi-officially advanced for shattering the docks and piers was that such an action would impede the landing of a Japanese force at Dalny, but when the news of the complete destruction of the city was received it was regarded ominously as indicating a desperate situation, and still gloomier news is now feared.

Port Dalny, on Tallenwan Bay, on the east coast of Liao-Tung peninsula, was intended by Russia to be the chief commercial emporium of its eastern dominions, and was called the "Magic City." An act providing for its construction was issued by the Russian Emperor July 30, 1899, and Port Dalny, fully equipped with all modern improvements, docks, warehouses and railroad facilities, was opened to commerce in December, 1901.

Over \$6,000,000 had been expended on the harbor system before the end of 1902 and it was estimated that the cost of completing the works would be nearly \$20,000, but this does not in any way represent the total cost, of the creation of this great commercial port, which, with Port Arthur distant about 20 miles, was leased by the Chinese Government to Russia in 1898.

Entire Block Burned.

A special dispatch from Coudersport, Pa., states that fire destroyed an entire block of the town. A high wind blew sparks from a bonfire into one of the buildings, and the Farmers hotel, three grocery stores, a feed store, a music store, a tea store, Knights of Labor hall, a dwelling and four barns were destroyed. Help was sent from Port Allegany. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

DECISION AGAINST B. & O.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Finds It Discriminated.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission announced its decision, which is adverse to the railroad, in the case of the Glado Coal Company, of Meyersdale, Pa., against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company. The commission holds that the defendant's refusal to furnish cars to complainants at Meyersdale and Keystone Junction while furnishing them to complainant's competitors at other points was unjust and unlawful discrimination for which complainants are entitled to reparation. It also holds the road guilty of violating the law in making certain charges for the transportation of coal when it is loaded by tipping and exacting a higher charge when it is loaded in some other way.

Thirty-One Hereros Killed.

A dispatch received from the governor of German Southwest Africa, Col. Leutwein, announcing that Lieut. Volkman with 22 men engaged a detachment of Hereros at Okankawind, April 28, killing 31 of the natives and losing one man killed.

Cremented in Oil Fire.

Fire at Batson, Tex., destroyed 18 derricks, five drilling rigs and 20 tanks containing about 15,000 barrels of oil. Thomas Walker, of Leavenworth, Kan., mounted a ladder in an effort to cut off the flow of oil, but fell into a mass of burning oil and timbers and was slowly roasted to death. The loss is \$36,000.

The Knowing Expedition, after extreme hardships, arrived at Glenwood, Newfoundland.

OPERATOR HELD UP.

Masked Men Make Successful Raid on Railway Station.

Three masked burglars committed a daring robbery at the Mosgrove station of the Allegheny Valley railroad, five miles north of Kittanning, Pa. The night operator, A. L. Blackburn, had occasion to leave the telegraph office and pass to another part of the building. He was suddenly startled by hearing a noise at the door leading into the waiting room. A few minutes later he heard a rough command at his back to throw up his hands, and turning quickly he was surprised to see three masked men standing before him with drawn revolvers.

They seized the operator and, going through his pockets, secured about \$5. They then blindfolded him and tied his hands. Escorting him to another room, one of the robbers was left to guard him, while the other two proceeded to the telegraph and ticket office, where they began to work on the safe.

The knob was knocked off and an explosive used to blow off the door. The shot was heavy and damaged the safe badly as well as breaking all the glass in the office windows. While waiting for the explosion the burglars withdrew to the freight house.

After the shot the robbers visited the office and secured about \$65. Their job completed the thieves warned Blackburn not to stir for 10 minutes and then left. The operator after a few moments succeeded in freeing himself, and running out gave the alarm to the residents of Mosgrove, and then reported the incident to the station dispatcher in Pittsburgh.

The only element that the burglars have left behind is that three men stole a horse and buggy belonging to Joseph Hellman, who lives several miles from Mosgrove.

RAILROADS ECONIMIZE.

Falling Off in Traffic Makes Reduction of Force Necessary.

Orders have gone out from the headquarters of each of the big railroad systems to curtail expenses. The gradual falling off in freight traffic since April 1 has prompted railroad directors in every part of the country to insist upon a rigorous economy in maintenance and operating departments. The Vanderbilt lines have taken the lead in cutting down expenses. President Newman has ordered a thorough "weeding out" in the maintenance and clerical departments. Extra clerks who were taken on during the early winter rush of business are to be dropped and several hundred of the old employees will be laid off temporarily.

Vice-President Edgar Van Etten, in charge of the Boston & Albany division of the New York Central system, has arranged to reduce his working force of 5,450 men to about 5,000 between now and the end of this month. Between 1,000 and 1,500 employees will be left off the June payrolls on the New York Central and there will be about 750 unfortunates on the Lake Shore lines. President Inghis of the Big Four has given instructions to let every unnecessary man in the clerical and shop departments go.

An economy on the Pennsylvania lines, both east and west of Pittsburgh, is expected, will result in the dismissal of not less than 5,000 men. The Wabash has already discharged 350 day wage earners and is planning to make reductions in the clerical force. President Underwood of the Erie has ordered each department to report a minimized list of employees and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Lehigh Valley roads are taking similar action.

An expert railroad accountant is authority for the statement that the railroads east of Chicago have lost \$10,000,000 in earnings since April 1, compared with the corresponding period of 1903.

WORK OF TRAIN ROBBERS.

Masked Men Stopped Train and Robbed the Conductor.

Four masked men entered the Frisco Railway station at Baxter Springs, Kan., and with drawn revolvers lined up the passengers waiting for trains. While three of the men covered the crowd with guns, the fourth searched them and compelled the operator to open the safe, from which he took about \$50.

The Meteor, bound for Kansas City, arrived about this time, and the conductor also fell a prey to the highwaymen, all his cash fare receipts and watch being taken. The robbers escaped on a handcar. It is believed they secured in all about \$200 cash, five gold watches and a revolver.

Easton Wool Market.

Unusual quietness prevails in the wool market. Some dealers say that the situation is not only unseasonable but that from the manufacturers' standpoint it has not been so bad for years. Not only have the mills not had the usual volume of orders but much dissatisfaction is reported with the quality of the goods delivered and the possibility of cancellation. Territory wools are dull and weak. Pulled wools are steady with medium grades scarce. There is a firm tone to foreign wools. Leading quotations are: Ohio and Pennsylvania—XX and above, 32@33c; X, 29@30c; No. 1, 31@32c; No. 2, 21@32c; fine unwashed, 22@23c.

An east-bound freight train struck a rock that had fallen in a cut near Fairmont, W. Va. The engine and four cars loaded with merchandise were destroyed. The trainmen escaped injury.

C. & P. to Sell More Stock.

A second circular has been sent out by the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad Company urging the stockholders to consent to the proposed issue of \$10,000,000 7 per cent additional stock. A similar circular was sent out a short time ago, but it met with very little response. Of the seven per cent four per cent is to be guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The purpose of the new stock issue is to reimburse the Pennsylvania for money advanced.

SEVENTEEN SLAUGHTERED

American Soldiers Ambushed on Island of Mindanao.

SEVENTEEN LIVES WERE LOST.

Two American Officers and Fifteen Men Killed and Five Men Wounded by Moros.

Lieut. Winfield Harper and 39 men of F company, of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, were caught on May 8 in an ambush by several hundred Moros. Two American officers and 15 men were killed and five men were wounded. The ambush occurred at Simpatem, on the east shore of Lake Liguasan, island of Mindanao. The officers killed in the ambush were: First Lieut. Harry A. Woodruff and Second Lieut. Joseph H. Hall, both of the Seventeenth Infantry. Lieut. Woodruff was born in Indiana, and entered the service in the State of New York. Lieut. Hall was born in Alabama and was promoted to his lieutenantcy from the ranks.

A CAR OF POWDER EXPLODES.

Six Men Killed and Many Injured by Accident in a Mine in Illinois.

Six men were killed and a number burned by an explosion of powder in the Big Muddy Coal and Iron Company mine at Herrin, Ill. About 325 men were at work in the mine. A car containing 50 kegs of powder exploded. Eighty-eight men were injured. The explosion occurred at 10 o'clock. The mine was badly wrecked making the rescue work difficult. It is not known how many men were working in the vicinity of the explosion. It is believed that several are dead and covered with wreckage.

The explosion was caused by the ignition of fire lamp that had formed in a pocket and was touched by a miner's lamp. Fully 50 men were at work in the tunnel in which the explosion occurred, and all of them were thrown to the floor or hurled against the walls of the cut by the blast. Mangled and mutilated bodies of those instantly killed were piled upon those who were so badly injured that they were unable to move after the deadly gas and flame had swept over them.

Iron Imports Fall Off.

The imports of foreign pig iron, scrap iron, old iron rails, structural iron, steel billets, steel blooms, steel wire rods, scrap steel and old steel rails, which during some months within the past two years have aggregated close to 100,000 tons, fell to 3,585 tons last month. Practically all was shipped to Pittsburgh and vicinity on contracts made when the demand was at the highest level. The pig iron imported in April represented a total of but 1,614 tons. The iron and chrome ores imported in April represented in all 35,775 tons.

Verdict Over Wentz.

"He came to his death by the accidental discharge of his own pistol," is the verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the circumstances and conditions surrounding the death of Edward I. Wentz, the young millionaire, whose body was discovered decayed and unburied on a spur of Black Mountain, Tenn., last Sunday afternoon.

Convicted in Hungary.

Gabriel Hossza, the Hungarian banker who was indicted in Mercer county, Pa., on a charge of embezzlement, has been sentenced to three years in prison. His trial has just been concluded in Hungary, where he was captured after his sensational escape from an Erie train near Binghamton, N. Y. The papers were sent from Mercer county. Some of the persons he swindled were not naturalized.

Various frauds have been discovered in contracts to supply the Russian army.

New Jersey Republicans.

At the Republican State convention the delegates-at-large elected to the Chicago convention were Governor Franklin Murphy, United States Senators Kean and Dryden and State Assessor David Baird, of Camden.

The alternate-at-large are Secretary of State S. D. Dickinson of Hudson; Senator Wood McKee, of Passaic; Clarence Breckenridge, of Bergen; and Griffith Lewis, of Burlington. The platform indirectly favored the nomination of President Roosevelt to succeed himself, although, in keeping with the policy that has always prevailed in this State, the delegates were not instructed.

Ex-Queen Lili at the Fair.

Queen Liliuokalani, the deposed ruler of Hawaii, accompanied by her adopted son, former Prince Cupid, now known as Joseph Kalanialoal, and his wife and a number of friends, arrived in St. Louis from Washington and took apartments in the Inside Inn, inside the fair grounds. The party expects to remain in St. Louis about two weeks and a number of entertainments have been planned in honor of the visitors.

Filipinos Will Travel.

The 50 Filipinos who are now at St. Louis as assistant commissioners for the world's fair from the islands are going to take an extensive tour through the United States this summer, and will be in Pittsburgh June 27 and 28. Their tour will be undertaken for the purpose of showing them the industrial development of the United States. At Pittsburgh they will spend their time in inspecting the great iron and steel works and other industrial plants that make the city famous.

DEATH OF HENRY M. STANLEY.

Famous African Explorer Passes Away at His Home in London.

Henry M. Stanley, the famous African explorer, died of pleuro-pneumonia at his home in London, where he had been living in quiet since the close of his last lecturing tour in 1891. Mr. Stanley was 64 years old. His wife, who was Dorothy Tennant, an artist of note before her marriage, was in constant attendance at the bedside.

Sir Henry, who was attacked by pleurisy a fortnight ago, was at his London residence. His illness was complicated by chronic heart trouble. He had been in a semi-conscious condition since Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Stanley was as much an American as an Englishman. He was born in Denbigh, Wales, in 1840, his real name being John Rowlands. Left an orphan when three years old he was sent to a poor house, where he remained until he was 13. Soon afterward he made his way to New Orleans as a cabin boy and was adopted there by a merchant named Stanley. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Confederate army, but after capture by the Federal troops enlisted and served with credit in the United States navy.

His principal expeditions to Africa were in 1867, when he went to Abyssinia as a correspondent of the New York "Herald"; in 1870, when the "Herald" sent him to search for Dr. Livingston; in 1874, when the "Herald" and the London "Telegraph" sent him to equatorial Africa; in 1879, when he founded the Congo Free State; and in 1887, when he went to the rescue of Emin Pasha. After his return from this trip in 1890 he was naturalized as a British subject, lectured for a year or so, was married and settled down as a gentleman of leisure. He was defeated for Parliament in 1892 by the constituency of North Lambeth, a parish of London. He was elected in 1895, however, and has since been a member of the House of Commons.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Many persons have been bitten by a mad dog at Cleveland, O.

New cases of bubonic plague are reported at Lima, Peru.

The sultan is watching the progress of events in the Far East.

Twenty-four Jews have been arrested at Kishinev, charged with riot.

The Meteor, the fast train of the Frisco road, has been held up and robbed.

Figures show that over 125,000 visitors attended the World's Fair during its first week.

The United States has resolved to create an Asiatic department to deal with business in the Far East.

The international convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen considered the annual report of the secretary and reports of committees.

Congressman Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, Mich., was renominated by acclamation at the Second district Republican convention. The resolution endorsed President Roosevelt.

Of the \$40,000,000 received by J. P. Morgan & Co. in payment of the Panama Canal properties \$15,000,000 has been withdrawn from the sub-treasury, and the balance will be collected through the Clearing House banks. The \$15,000,000 in cash was taken in \$5,000 and \$10,000 gold certificates.

Madame Januscheck, the actress, has been taken to the Actors' Fund home at West Newbrighton, Staten Island, N. Y., where she will probably remain the balance of her life. She is 74 years old.

After various attempts to hold together the Italian settlement at New Palermo, 36 miles north of Mobile, Ala., has gone to pieces.

The Rev. Gustave Poesagen, the German Lutheran clergyman at Ellerslie, N. Y., was shot accidentally while duck shooting with the Rev. Mr. Henson, also of Ellerslie. The gun was in the hands of Mr. Henson.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles has been secured by President Turner to deliver the commencement address before the graduating class of Waynesburg college on June 16.

TURKISH OUTRAGES.

Ambassadors Attempt to Limit Destruction and Bloodshed.

An official dispatch from Constantinople confirms the reports that Turkish troops have burned villages throughout the Sassoun district of Armenia, killing the inhabitants. The French ambassador, M. Constans, has joined with the Russian and British ambassadors in sending consuls to Erzeroum in the hope of limiting the destruction and bloodshed. However, the official advice, although brief, indicate that the work of exterminating the Armenians occupying the mountainous district of Sassoun is practically accomplished.

The French authorities were advised some time ago that Turkey was taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the far east and intended to adopt a decisive course toward the rebellious Armenians. The information then showed that the Turks would begin the work of suppressing on about April 15. In order to prevent this the powers made an energetic protest. This delayed Turkey's action, which, however, has now been executed with the same severity as at first contemplated.

Russians Cross Yalu.

The Japanese consul at Wonsun telegraphs that a force of Russians, number unknown, accompanied by Manchurian mounted bandits, crossed the Yalu far above Wiju, advanced south-east and occupied Chang-Jin, 100 miles west of Song-Chin, May 5.

ATTACK ON BRITISH MISSION.

The London "Times" publishes a dispatch from Gyantse, Tibet, which reports the butchery of eight servants of the British mission by Tibetans. The dispatch says that the Tibetans are constantly getting better arms and ammunition, which are manufactured at Lhasa, and that it is clear the Tibetans contemplate a combined effort to overwhelm the mission.

RUSSIANS AGAIN DEFEATED

Czars Forces Overtaken After a Twenty Mile Chase.

DROP SHELLS IN PORT ARTHUR.

Admiral Togo's Fleet Renews Attack on Beleaguered Fortress, Shooting at High Angle.

The Paris "Matin's" St. Petersburg correspondent says it is persistently rumored that there has been a big fight near Mao-Tien-Ling pass between the Russians and General Kuropatkin's army. The Russians, he says, lost heavily, Lieutenant General Zassalitch being among the killed.

The first and second Japanese armies under the command of General Kuropatkin, met a large Russian force near Walfungtion and a terrible battle ensued. It resulted in a complete victory for the Japanese, the Russians fleeing in disorder. Their loss was great. The Japanese are said to have suffered big losses also. Instead of pursuing the Russians, General Kuropatkin advanced toward the Russian position at Hatching, which is seriously menaced. An engagement is expected within a few days. The Japanese are in superior force, and unless the Russians hold an extraordinarily powerful position, indications are that General Kuropatkin will gain another important victory.

The Tokyo correspondent of the London "Morning Post," cabling under date of May 10, says that a high-angle bombardment of Port Arthur is proceeding.

Russia announces that the railway from Port Arthur to Newchwang is again open, but makes no explanation of the apparent abandonment of the siege of that place by the Japanese army that landed on the peninsula a few days ago.

REVOLUTIONISTS BUSY.

Bomb Placed in Palace of the Czar and Riots in Finland.

It is reported from Paris that the Russian government has asked the government of France to expel the Russian revolutionists, Burszew and Vorskow, and this has been done, because it was proved beyond all doubt that these two men were at the head of a gang of conspirators who are scheming to take the life of the czar. Both of them were recently banished from Switzerland.

The Russian defeats have inspired the revolutionary movements in all parts of Russia with new life. It has become known here that the governor general of Russian Poland recently discovered a conspiracy at Warsaw and that the 18 leaders of the plot have been secretly shot. In several places in Finland bloody encounters have taken place between the people and the police.

An infernal machine was found in the private library of the czar in the winter palace at St. Petersburg the other day and destroyed just in time to prevent a terrible explosion. At Kransadt several attempts have been made to blow up the powder magazines there.

It is said here at the Russian legation that the actual number of Russian troops in Manchuria at the present time amount to 170,000 infantry, 32,000 cavalry and 216 heavy guns.

Instruct for Roosevelt.

The Republican State convention of Washington adjourned after nominating William E. Humphrey, Wesley L. Jones and Francis W. Cushman for Congress and nominating for governor Albert E. Mead, of Whatcom. The platform instructs the delegates to vote for Roosevelt; advocates a protective tariff; favors reciprocity in non-competitive products, and opposes the repeal of the duty on coal. More liberal appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors are demanded.

Twelve bodies have been taken from the ruins of a collapsed building at St. Etienne, France.

NATIONAL MUSIC COLLEGE.

Movement Begun for One on European Lines.

A movement has been started for the establishment of a national college of music in Washington and an organization has been formed for this purpose. A music college is to be opened at the Capitol under these auspices October 1, which will follow the methods employed in the Vienna, Brussels and Paris conservatories, where the President and Vice President have been students. A bill has been drafted by a well-known Senator to incorporate the University of Music, as it is to be called, and this will be presented to Congress at the next session.

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SOME IMPROVEMENT.

Railway Earnings Show Decrease Compared With Last Year.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Seasonable weather has restored normal conditions in many branches of retail trade, but the improvement has not yet extended to wholesale, jobbing or manufacturing departments, except in special lines. It is difficult to find evidence of increased activity in any of the leading industries, and there is more like machinery. Traffic conditions are little changed, railway earnings in the first week falling 7.5 per cent behind last year and the late opening of lake navigation was further retarded by a strike. While many features of the business situation make poor comparisons with last year, it is worthy of note that few Presidential years have made a better exhibit, in the leading manufacturing industry scarcely any decline in prices occurred during the past week, but the average has fallen considerably from the best position of last year, and consumers are confident that further delay will result in still more attractive terms. This impression is largely due to the recent disagreement among ore producers, yet it is stated on very high authority that provision has already been made for most of the year's requirements. In spite of the large increase thus far stocks have decreased from 597,904 tons on January 1 to 444,059 on May 1. Yet these figures do not include the holdings of the steel companies, which reported the largest share of the increased output. Western Lido markets are firm and fairly active, and in many cases holders insist on further advances. Receipts of foreign dry hides have increased without weakening the tone or reducing demand. Commercial failures this week in the United States are 235, against 207 last week, 202 the preceding week and 196 corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 23, against 27 last week, 16 the preceding week and 13 last year.

Bradstreet's will say: The iron market is quiet and rather easier. Production is on the largest scale shown since last summer, but stocks are not increasing as yet. Good reports come from the hardware trade. The lumber trade is hardly up to expectations. Manufacturing is active, but there is increased ease in prices at several markets.

THE RURIK SUNK.

Report That Japanese Destroyed Another Russian Ship.

Rumors are current in Nagasaki that Admiral Kamamura, in command of the squadron which is looking after Vladivostok, has made an attack on the Russian squadron within the harbor and succeeded in sinking the big Russian armored cruiser Rurik.

According to the story, as told here, several Japanese torpedo boats were sent into the harbor during a heavy fog. They crept up through the channel north of Kozakavitchka island and succeeded in getting within torpedo distance of the Russian squadron, which was at anchor, before they were discovered. Two torpedoes are said to have struck the Rurik and report has it that she was so badly damaged that she sunk.

The naval authorities profess to have received no news of the reported attack, but the report is very generally credited.

JAPANESE LOSE FIRST BOAT.

Blown Up While Attempting to Remove a Mine.

The Japanese torpedo boat No. 48 was destroyed while removing mines from Kerr bay, north of Tallenwan (Pt. Dalny). Seven men were killed and seven were wounded. This is the first warship Japan has lost in the war.

Torpedo boats Nos. 48 and 49 discovered a large mechanical mine in Kerr bay. Their various attempts to blow it up failed and it suddenly exploded of itself, cutting No. 48 in two. The torpedo boat sank in seven minutes. The squadron hurried boats to the rescue and picked up the wounded. Three other mines were discovered and exploded.

MINISTERS TRY PISTOLS.

Clergymen in Sensational Shooting Affray on Train.

There was a sensational shooting affray on the east-bound Texas & Pacific train coming into Texarkana between the Rev. J. B. Cranfill and the Rev. S. L. Hayden. Cranfill fired two shots from a magazine pistol at Hayden while the latter was struggling for possession of the weapon. Neither shot took effect.

The encounter occurred in the lavatory of the sleeper in which both men were enroute to the Southern Baptist convention at Nashville, Tenn. Cranfill was arrested on his arrival at Texarkana, and arranged on a charge of assault with intent to murder. The encounter, it is alleged, grew out of past differences between the two men.

Plague Epidemic in Formosa.

A. C. Lambert, Vice-Consul-General at Daltout, which is a new name for Famsu, the old capital of Formosa, reports to the State Department that during March there were 558 cases of bubonic plague on the island, with 359 deaths. The Consul shows that the plague has been epidemic for the last five years in the southern part of the island.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Lafolfe is hitting the ball better than ever.

The Pittsburgh Club has released Pitcher Vell and Pfeister. Rochester has released Sam S. Griffen, the one-armed pitcher.

Hemphill, Wallace and Gleason are doing the best batting for the St. Louis Browns.

Willie Keeler still has the art of dumping the ball down and beating it out-as of old.

Frank Selee says that the greatest infielder of the season in his position will be Evers.

Frank Dillon, the much-advertised first baseman, has at last joined the Brooklyn team.

According to the Cincinnati critics Joe Kelley is playing first base right up to the handle.

Infielder Jimmy Stafford, the well-known player, announces that he will give up professional ball.

Pittsburg has turned Warn, the promising young pitcher, over to Jersey City for development.

Chance bids fair to equal his stonch base record of last season judging from the way he has started.

Barney Dreyfuss, of Pittsburg, insists that he has another Phillip in Roscoe Miller, late of the New Yorks.

A series between the Washingtons and Boston Nationals to see which was the weaker might prove interesting.

Cincinnati may miss Billy Bergen this year. Martin's younger brother has started in the season well for Brooklyn.

San Francisco papers assert that pitcher Joe Corbett will draw \$8000 this year from the St. Louis Club. Los Angeles paid him \$5000 last year. If the St. Louis figures are correct he will be the highest-salaried player in whole baseball world.

Talking About Shakespeare.

In my own opinion bookish people who do not often go to the theater have a tendency to overestimate the desirability of more frequent representations of the Shakespearean plays than at the present time. That a reasonable number of Shakespearean performances in a year is a good thing for the theater and play-goers generally I have always maintained. Sad to tell, I have usually found that the people who complain clamorously, demanding to know why it is that Shakespeare is not often represented, have generally had prior engagements that prevented them from attending the relatively few Shakespearean performances that are given in the course of a season.—Philadelphia Press.

Knife Blade Thirty Feet Long.

The biggest carving knife ever manufactured may be seen at the World's fair. This monster blade is 3